(ii) All unattended articles are to be reported and checked for Improvised Explosive Device (IED) etc.;

(iii) Surveillance/watch are enhanced both on land side and airside of the airports;

(iv) Perimeter Patrolling and guarding of funnel area are intensified during operational hours;

(v) All access control points are reinforced;

(vi) Quick Response Teams (QRTs)/Striking Reserve at airports are strengthened;

(vii) Secondary Security Check at ladder point of aircrafts is being introduced at all airports and;

(viii) A thorough and complete screening of both hold baggage and hand baggage are to be carried out.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Since the information is secret in nature, it would not be proper to divulge it on the floor of the House.

Uniformity of rates of petro products in the Country

*317. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present rates of diesel, petrol, cooking gas and kerosene in every State and Union Territory;

(b) the difference of rates of various oil products in each of the States and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal for uniformity of rates in all the States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURLI DEORA): (a) and (b) The present rates of four sensitive petroleum products, namely, Diesel, Petrol, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG in each State Capital/Union Territory are given in the statement. (*See* below)

The basic ex-storage prices of sensitive petroleum products are uniform at all refinery locations throughout the country and the difference in price from State to State is due to the different rates of Sales Tax/VAT and other local taxes levied by the State Governments.

(c) to (e) The subject matter of Sales Tax comes under the purview of the State Governments and they are vested with the power to levy Sales Tax/VAT within their States. The Central Government has been continuously taking up the matter with the State Governments for reduction in the rates of Sales Tax/VAT.

Statement

Details of retail selling prices of four sensitive petroleum products namely, Petrol, Diesel, PDS Kerosene and Domestic LPG in each State Capital/Union Territory.

State Capitals	Petrol (Rs. per litre)	Diesel (Rs. per litre)	PDS Kerosene (Rs. per litre)	Domestic LPG (Rs. per 14.2 kg cylinder)
1	2	3	4	5
North				
New Delhi	**45.62**	**32.86**	**9.22**	**304.70**
Chandigarh	45.44	32.69	9.07	339.45
Dehradun	46.47	34.26	10.03	331.90
Jaipur	48.64	34.67	10.00	335.65
Jammu	46.84	33.06	9.51	353.40
Lucknow	47.64	34.19	9.56	333.80
Shimla	47.87	33.50	8.75	346.30
Srinagar	48.25	34.04	9.83	355.10
East				
Kolkata	**47.16**	**33.92**	**9.75**	**352.05**
Agartala	43.07	31.73	9.46	338.75
Aizwal	41.09	30.61	10.10	334.50
Bhubhaneswar	45.90	35.18	9.31	357.45
Guwahati	46.63	32.48	8.66	338.05
Imphal	43.20	31.85	9.60	351.35
Itanagar	44.98	32.49	9.14	352.20
Kohima	45.38	32.54	9.20	352.85
Patna	47.70	34.70	10.52	344.00
Ranchi	46.04	33.65	9.13	315.15
Shillong	45.28	32.04	11.25	352.65
Gangtok	45.85	33.85	10.05	345.50
West				
Mumbai	**49.80**	**36.69**	**9.10**	**336.10**
Ahmedabad	48.87	36.77	8.95	346.90
Bhopal	49.17	36.23	9.40	375.00

1	2	3	4	5
Panjim	45.75	34.89	9.72	345.70
Raipur	45.84	35.55	9.25	340.25
South				
Chennai	**49.66**	**34.98**	**8.39**	**339.60**
Bangalore	51.71	36.97	9.70	348.10
Hyderabad	51.10	36.08	9.75	304.40
Pondicherry	43.30	33.42	9.16	315.45
Trivandrum	47.25	35.46	9.32	353.70

Amendment in Public Provident Fund Scheme

*318. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka High Court has recently directed the Central Government to amend Rule 3 of the Public Provident Fund (PPF) Scheme, 1968 to raise yearly subscription of Rs. 70,000/- to Rs. 1,00,000/-;

(b) if so, whether the necessary amendment has since been made; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay and by when the same is likely to be made so as to ensure that the benefit thereof under section 80C of the Income Tax Act, 1961, accrues to the subscriptions made during the financial year 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government has decided to file a Review Petition in the Karnataka High Court against the order of Hon'ble Karnataka High Court.

Monuments with ASI

*319. SHRI SABIR ALI:
SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of monuments with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) claimed to be wakf properties by various Wakf Boards or organisations;

(b) the reaction of ASI thereto;

(c) the steps being taken to resolve the situation; and

(d) the mechanism to prevent recurrence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) The Central Wakf Council has provided a list of 172 Wakf properties in Delhi and 89 in Gujarat as per details given in the Statement-I and Statement-II (*See* below) respectively. The process of verification of these